



July 21, 2010

The Honorable Congressman Jerry Moran
2202 Rayburn House Office Building
1st and Independence Ave., SE
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Congressman Moran,

On behalf of the state's soybean producers, The Kansas Soybean Association Board wishes to thank you for being a champion for Kansas farmers. Throughout your career in the U.S. House of Representatives, your bold leadership on behalf of farmers and rural communities has been greatly appreciated. The following are just a few examples of your determination to assist Kansans:

- As a member of the House Agriculture Committee, you successfully fought to preserve the direct payment and federal crop insurance programs.
- Your efforts to build and preserve international markets for our commodities are extremely important to Kansas farmers. Legislation that you have sponsored to open markets in Cuba for agricultural trade is vital to Kansas Soybean Producers.
- When natural disasters occur, your quick response is a comfort to those in need. Your leadership brought much-needed help to Kansas communities, such as Greensburg after the devastating tornado.
- When farmers suffer from natural disasters such as drought, freeze and flooding, you have led the effort to preserve their business by developing and supporting new approaches to disaster legislation through crop insurance.
- You understand that objective practical and applied research is vital to Kansas' agriculture industry and rural communities. Your leadership is instrumental in preserving funding for agricultural research at land-grant universities and federal laboratories.
- You have a long history of supporting alternative fuels and have worked to protect jobs tied to that industry. These efforts have added jobs to rural Kansas and boosted demand for Kansas-grown crops.
- You have strongly opposed cap and trade legislation that would raise energy costs and have a damaging impact on Kansas farmers and businesses.



- You have sponsored legislation to end the “death tax,” an unfair tax that a farm or ranch owner’s estate is forced to pay after the owner’s death and prevents continuation of Kansas family farms.

Throughout your distinguished career, your support for Kansas agriculture has been unwavering. We greatly appreciate your efforts and stand ready to serve as a resource to you and your staff on all matters relating to Kansas agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Gigstad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Gigstad, President